received copies of certain publications under the names of (i) കടിഞാൺ കുഴൽ(ii)പോട്ടർമാരുടെ ശ്രദ്ധക്ക് and (iii) ഭാരമുള്ളിക്കൽ without showing the names of the printer and publisher ; if so, what action was taken in the matter ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes ; the matter is pending with the District Magistrate.

Sale of Toplings.

81. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the total measurement of the toplings sold to Mr. Numberumal Chetty and to Mr. C. P. Luiz and the amount realised by the same ;

(2) was the measurement of either checked by the audit staff ; if so, was there any difference, and how much was the difference ;

(3) how was the difference brought about ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) Since no period of sale has been specified, it is not possible to furnish the information.

(2) and (3). In view of the answer to (1) no reply is called for.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How long were Messrs. Numberumal Chetty and C. P. Luiz purchasers ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—They have been purchasing now and then.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—From which year ? Are the the figures of 1102 and 1103 available here ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Not here.

Perumthodu Bridge.

82. **Mr. A. B. Salem.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which the estimate for reconstructing the bridge over Perumthodu was made ;

(2) the amount of the final estimate sanctioned for that bridge ;

(3) the date of the final sanction of the estimate ;

(4) the allotment that was asked for that purpose to be provided in the budget for 1103 ;

(5) the name of the contractor to whom the work was entrusted ;

(6) if the allotment for that purpose was exceeded in 1103 the reasons for it ;

(7) the dates on which interim bills were paid to the contractor ;

(8) the terms of the contract regarding payment for work done ?

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Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(1) June 1, 1927.
(2) Rs. 5,640.
(3) 7th August 1927.
(4) Rs. 1,600.
(5) Mr. K. V. Inasu.
(6) Yes, by Rs. 4,040. The allotment was found insufficient in view of the revised estimate.
(7) One on 7th Dhanu 1103 and the second on 16th Edavam 1103.
(8) All works done by the contractor shall be paid for by the Chief Engineer according to the rates specified in the schedule within a reasonable time after it has been inspected, measured and finally approved and passed. These conditions of payment are similar to those in vogue in the Department in respect of other contractors.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know why this was certified? Mr. Kuriyan is not present.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Government will answer.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know why this had to be certified?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Which please?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—This Perumthodu bridge affair, for Rs. 4,040. A Statement was placed on 19th Mithunam 1103, and certified as an emergent expenditure. May I know the reason?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The reason has been given in the Statement, I think.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No. The Statement runs thus: "of the additional allotment of Rs. 5,893—6—4 the major part, viz., Rs. 4,040 is for payment towards the work of reconstructing the bridge over Perumthodu for which there was an allotment of Rs. 1,600 only in the year as against the estimated amount of Rs. 5,640. As delay in the payment of the interim bills to the contractor was affecting the progress of the work, an additional allotment had to be urgently sanctioned".

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That is the reason.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You had only Rs. 1,640 allotted in the year. Was not the contractor to take the money when it is available?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The road, being an important means of communication, a foot-bridge to the Panchayat, would not suffice, and so the provision made was found to be inadequate. With the growth of traffic, the expenditure that we incur for a foot-bridge would be a waste. To avoid such a contingency the Chief Engineer proposed a road bridge at a cost of

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Rs. 5640 instead of a foot-bridge. To complete that it was considered urgent.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have no quarrel with the completing of the bridge. What I am asking is, when the estimate is for Rs 5,640 and there was an allotment of Rs. 1,600 only in the year, how do you exceed it by Rs. 4,040? If the allotment for that purpose was exceeded in 1103 the reasons for that. The allotment was found insufficient in view of the revised estimate. I am asking do not the contractors agree to the payment being made afterwards. What are the terms of the contract regarding payment?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—We are to pay before 1104. For what is done we will pay him.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—When the Department knew that there was only Rs. 1,600 allotted, should they not have made a stipulation to say that the payment will be made only in 1104?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—He won't object and we won't object, even if we had not made a stipulation in the contract. Further, even if there is such a stipulation, any alteration can be made subsequently by the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then what was the emergency to certify this? He won't object and you won't object. Then what is the use of certifying?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Sir, on a point of order. This is a discussion of the Statement placed on the Table.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It is not a discussion at all. I only say I wish to point out to you that I put these questions because of this being certified as an emergent expenditure. This was classified as an emergent expenditure. It is abundantly clear from the answer of the Chief Engineer that the contractor would have accepted payment afterwards.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Knowing that he had done more work and if we could not pay he would certainly object. He has done the work under the impression that payment would be made as soon as the work is finished.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You knew that Rs. 1,600 only has been allotted for the purpose in 1103. Knowing that, you should have made a stipulation that the payment will be deferred after proper sanction for the estimate is obtained from this House.

I suppose the contractors will take the work and since the time of payment is not stipulated in the contract he will wait for payment.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Not three times the amount or at least 2½ times the amount. He won't wait for 2½ times the amount.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—Did you make a stipulation in the contract that there was not sufficient allotment and that the remainder will be paid only in 1104?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It is not a small amount. He won't wait.

President.—No stipulation has been made.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—No stipulation that the balance will be paid only in 1104 was made.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know why you gave the contract?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Of course the work had to be done before rains.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Of course the date of sanction was on 7th August 1927, that is, nearly one year ago. May I know why the full amount was not budgetted for in the budget of last year?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Then it was thought a foot-bridge would be enough. Subsequently it was considered to be insufficient.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—When was the final estimate sanctioned?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—An estimate of Rs. 1,600 was sanctioned on 7th August.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then, when was this estimate for Rs. 5,640 sanctioned?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—During the course of the year.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—When? I want the date.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was in 1102 that this estimate was sanctioned.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then why did you not provide for Rs. 5,640 in the budget of last year?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was after the preparation of the budget for 1103 that this suggestion was received.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—So Rs. 5,640 was sanctioned in Karkadagam 1102, that is to say, immediately after the budget. Am I to understand like that?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was sanctioned after the preparation of the budget.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know why during the whole of the Legislative Session till 19th Meenam 1103 a supplementary grant for this amount was not tabled in this House? If it is a mistake, we are quite prepared to accept it.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—The first bill became due in Dhanu 1103 and the second payment in Meenam 1103.

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But I am talking without the file before me. So these answers should not be taken as quite correct.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—My supplementary question is there were three meetings held in 1103 before this Council came into existence. We had two sessions after the Budget Session and in neither of these sessions a supplementary grant was tabled. May I know the reason for that?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Because it was thought that by transfer of allotments under the P. W. D. we could get this amount and that this amount could be utilised for this expenditure. Transfer from savings from other works budgetted for in that year.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is there any paper to show that, Sir?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes. There is provision of Rs. 340 in the budget of 1102 and the provision of Rs. 1,600 in the budget of 1103. Excess expenditure required for the work may be met by transfer of allotment.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That comes to only Rs. 1,700.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The total estimate for Rs. 1,940 of which there was provision for Rs. 300 and odd in 1102 and Rs. 1,600 in the budget of 1103. And the excess expenditure was intended to be met by transfer of allotments from savings in the budget, from P. W. D. budget.

Mr. A.B. Salem.—The revised estimate was for Rs. 5,640. So you thought that Rs. 4,040 can be transferred from which head?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—From general savings, it was thought.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—When was it found that it was impossible to do so?

We are jealous about the rights of this House. So I am putting these questions.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Such emergencies may occur.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know when it was found that the transfer was impossible?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I shall get the file and let you know.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I shall put the supplementary questions after the file comes.

Kodakara Vellikulangara Road.

83. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total amount spent up till now on the Kodakara Vellikulangara road;

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